

Marilyn Giuliano

Biography

Date of Birth: July 14, 1953

Birthplace: Wallingford, CT

State Representative Marilyn Giuliano is a hard-working legislator whose background in local government and record of involvement in her community make her a strong and effective voice in Hartford for her Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook constituents.

During the 2003-2004 legislative session, Representative Giuliano co-sponsored and supported several acts and helped secure a variety of grants that benefited the 23 rd Assembly District. Among them were:

- Public Act 03-4, which included recommendations by the Transportation Strategy Board for two major projects designated for the Southeast Corridor Transportation Investment Area (which includes Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook). They were: acquisition of new rail cars for the Shoreline East Railroad Line sufficient to add at least 1,000 additional seats, and highway operational upgrades to improve traffic flow on I-95 and I-395.
- Special Act 04-2, which authorized \$10 million for construction, improvements and renovations to regional Fire Training Schools.
- Public Act 04-2, which provided up to \$100,000 to reimburse volunteer fire departments that respond to emergencies on limited access highways.
- Special Act 04-6, which authorized the sale of \$25 million in state bonds, which, when combined with \$35 million in previously approved funding, enabled the Department of Transportation to proceed with the purchase of new railcars for the New Haven Line. The bond issue also provided financing for upgrades to help ensure better service for area commuters who take the train to work.
- A \$30,480 state grant to help pay for the restoration of the Florence Griswold House in Old Lyme - an integral part of the Florence Griswold Museum complex.
- The 2004 conveyance act (P. A. 04-186), which authorized the transfer of two adjacent parcels of state land (totaling about 11 acres) on Route 9 to Old Saybrook. The property will be used for open space and recreational purposes.
- A \$100,000 grant for the Old Saybrook Little League which enabled league officials to make improvements to several local ball fields.

Representative Giuliano also initiated legislation (P. A. 03-6; Section 140 - 143) that enables municipalities to establish local panels with jurisdiction over on-site wastewater management systems.

It empowers towns and cities with underground water pollution problems stemming from subsurface sewage disposal systems to establish on-site wastewater management districts,

which can require the replacement of failing septic systems with newer, more technologically advanced systems that do not pollute wells.

The act gives municipalities experiencing those kinds of problems an alternative to installing expensive municipal sewer lines or continuing to rely on existing septic systems that may continue to fail even when they are upgraded.

Representative Giuliano serves on the General Assembly's Environment and Education committees.

Representative Giuliano, who represents several shoreline communities, is committed to protecting the ecology of Long Island Sound. Her conservationist interests and goals led her to seek appointment to the Environment Committee.

Representative Giuliano understands that the ecology of Long Island Sound is fragile and could easily be damaged by projects such as the Cross Sound Cable Co. power transmission line built under the Sound seabed.

As a member of the Environment Committee, Representative Giuliano works to protect the Sound as an aquatic habitat for fin and shellfish and as an irreplaceable recreational and commercial asset critical to the economy of the shore region.

As both a parent and an educator, Representative Giuliano is committed to making one of the best school systems in the United States better and to ensuring a quality education for every Connecticut student. With that goal in mind, she asked for and was appointed to the General Assembly's Education Committee.

As an education professional with more than 25 years of experience, Representative Giuliano brings a wealth of background, experience and knowledge to the committee.

Representative Giuliano believes that the effectiveness of Connecticut's public school system is best demonstrated by the success of its students after they graduate.

To meet that goal, Representative Giuliano believes students must not only master basic skills but also learn how to apply them if they are to succeed in their adult careers and become productive citizens.

As a former member of the Planning and Development Committee, Representative Giuliano continues to be concerned about the encroachment by state government on home rule and local control – traditional rights held dear by Connecticut communities.

As a former member of the Select Committee on Aging, Representative Giuliano remains committed to making the cost of prescription drugs affordable to Connecticut's growing elderly population.

Representative Giuliano believes that seniors, many of whom fought in World War II and the Korean War and lived through the Great Depression, deserve a secure retirement and that worries about whether they will still have access to life-saving prescription drugs should not spoil it for them.

Representative Giuliano served on the Advisory Council for Special Education, a state panel, during her first year at the General Assembly.

The Advisory Council's responsibilities include reviewing existing laws and regulations pertaining to special education and recommending changes to them and advising the state Department of Education about unmet needs in educating children with disabilities.

Representative Giuliano has been a school psychologist for more than 25 years, in both public and private settings. Currently, she is employed by the Lyme-Old Lyme public schools as the school psychologist at Mile Creek School.

She also serves on the Old Saybrook Republican Town Committee.

Representative Giuliano formerly served as vice chair on the Old Saybrook Board of Finance and as Chair and Old Saybrook Town Representative to the Middlesex Mental Health Council. She is a former member of the Old Saybrook Public Health Nursing Board.

Representative Giuliano graduated from Southern Connecticut State University in May 1976, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology. In post-graduate work at S. C. S. U., she was granted a Master of Science degree in School Psychology in May 1980; and a Sixth Year Certificate in School Psychology in May 1981.

She is married to Joe Giuliano. They have two daughters, Sarah and Amy.